

# PHILOSOPHY of FRIENDHIP RESOURCES and QUESTIONS

## READINGS

### General:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/fulfillment-any-age/202211/the-5-ties-bind-the-best-friendships>

### On Epicurus:

[https://daily-philosophy.com/epicurus-on-friendship/#:~:text=Epicurus%20tells%20us%20more%20specifically,\(Principal%20Doctrines\)](https://daily-philosophy.com/epicurus-on-friendship/#:~:text=Epicurus%20tells%20us%20more%20specifically,(Principal%20Doctrines))

### On Aristotle:

Read the section of his *Nicomachean Ethics* dealing with friendship. It is Books 8 & 9 (similar to chapters) and maybe found in the following pdf of the book:

<http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/nicomachaen.html>

Also, check out this well-thought-out article:

<https://bigthink.com/personal-growth/do-you-have-true-friendships-why-aristotle-thinks-you-dont/>

See the list of questions to ponder lower down in this document.

Ponder them!

## **WATCHINGS:**

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGedUxTAFBk>

## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

This initial portion of the event will be followed by an open discussion, in which some of the following ideas may be addressed:

Should the nature of friendship be altruistic, in the sense of wishing the best for the other person? (Whether true altruism is possible is a different and related topic.)

Can parents and their children be friends?

Can friendships be imbalanced and still successful, such as with one person initiating the contacts almost always? Is it possible when most of the attention in a friendship is on one person rather than the other?

Is there a limit to how many good friends a person can have?

Are Internet friendships as valid and potentially rich as multi-dimensional as friends we see in person?

How different or similar are the concepts of Love and Friendship?